Ban on polythene carry bags

597. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has proposed a ban on carry bags made of polythene of less than 20 microns on All India level;

(b) if so, whether the Central Pollution Control Board has drawn a phased programme to this effect;

(c) whether many States had enforced such a ban earlier in selected urban/tourist pockets; and

(d) if so, the impact thereof on environmental pollution control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Central Government Notification S.O. 705 (E) dated 02-09-1999, the minimum thickness of carry bags shall not be less than 20 microns.

(b) The ban is effective from the date of the said notification, namely, 02-09-1999.

(c) and (d) A few States have imposed ban on use of plastic carry bags in selected cities including tourist places, sanctuaries and pilgrimage centres. This has reduced the littering of plastic bags in these pockets, thereby improving the surrounding environment.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Development of Forests

598. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Centrally sponsored schemes and programmes for development of forests in the country;

(b) the details of funds allotted to each State and Union Territory for these schemes and programmes during the year 2002-03; and

(c) the details of funds utilised by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) During X Five Year Plan following Central Sector Schemes and programmes have been launched for development of forests in the country:

1. National Afforestation Programme
2. Integrated Forest Protection Scheme
3. Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries
4. Project Tiger
5. India Eco-Development Project
5. Project Elephant

(b) and (c) The details of funds released by the Ministry to each State and Union Territory under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and programmes during the year 2002-03 are given in Statement enclosed. (See below). States have been directed to send the related utilisation certificates.

Statement

Regarding funds released to States and Union Territories under Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the year 2002-03 scheme-wise are Funds released during the year 2002-03 (Rs. In lakhs)

SI. No.	States/Uts	IFPS	DNP	NAP	PT	IEDP	PE
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	129.00	82.725	835.00	21.10		50.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	426.02	105.035	276.00	35.875		52.00
3.	Assam	376.00	162.135	0.00	65.70		116.00
4.	Bihar	0.00	00	0.00	25.00		45.00*
5.	Chhatisgarh	150.00	92.025	589.00	32.48		
6.	Goa	49.42	Nil	0			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Gujarat	75.00	90.365	387.00		840.58	
8.	Haryana	70.00	18.75	1058.00			
9.	Himachal Pradesh	57.40	93.853	60.00			
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	74.25	99.90	545.00			
11.	Jharkhand	81.17	29.89	134.00	18.00	252.39	
12.	Karnataka	77.00	599.017	1570.00	289.56	1042.33	93.00
13.	Kerala	83.50	198.978	106.00	63.75	65.01	111.88
14.	Madhya Pradesh	158.50	196.332	1381.00	786.44	539.21	
15.	Maharashtra	188.92	168.20	487.00	621.79		
16.	Manipur	0.00	64.50	240.00			Nil
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	40.25	0.00			41.00
18.	Mizoram	574.12	235.60	886.00	98.32		5.00
19.	Nagaland	407.47	107.84	851.00			49.00
20.	Orissa	100.00	82.57.	1314.00	32.88		108.39
21.	Punjab	0.00	Nil	25.00			
22.	Rajasthan	55.00	366.273	444.00	294.92	564.91	
23.	Sikkim	358.63	132.76	376.00			
24.	Tamil Nadu	100.00	136.11	782.00	125.00		71.26
25.	Tripura	692.13	101.88	318.00			3.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	80.00	137.36	2001.00	32.75		107.00"
27.	Uttaranchal	98.07	77.985	234.00	168.00		
28.	West Bengal	120.00	223.67	226.00	168.33	217.38	86.47
29.	Andaman & Nicobar		20.75				
30.	Chandigarh		14.00				
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli		15.25				
	TOTAL:	4582.20	3694.003	15125.00	2879.895	3521.81	939.00

IFPS- Integrated Forest Protection Scheme

DNP- Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries

NAP- National Afforestation Programme

PT- Project Tiger

IEDP- India Eco-Development Project

PE- Project Elephant

*include Jharkhand**include Uttaranchal

Schemes for development of environment and Forests in Gujarat

599. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes/schemes formulated and implemented by Government for development of environment and forests in the State of Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government under each programme/scheme during the above period; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard and the steps being taken by Government for afforestation and to protect/conserve forests in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) The details of the programmes/schemes formulated, implemented by the Government for development of environment and forests in the State of Gujarat and the funds released during the last two years and the progress made in this regard is given in the Statement enclosed.